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## Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application

The reply filed on April 10, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: it fails to address any of the rejections therein. That is, applicants' amendment and arguments completely fail to respond to the rejections set forth in the Office action of February 10, 2003. Rather, applicants direct their arguments to the Office action of May 26, 1998. This application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laurie Scheiner, whose telephone number is (703) 308-1122. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group 1600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Correspondence related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile

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Laurie Scheiner/LAS July 31, 2003

> LAURIE SCHEINEF. PRIMARY EXAMINER